



# MINUTES

## RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES

### APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, January 28, 2019 | 5:00 p.m. | 20 House Building

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**Members Present:**

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Senate Chair  
Rep. Craig Hall, House Chair  
Rep. Adam Robertson, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Todd Weiler  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Lee B. Perry

Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Logan Wilde

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Daniel Hemmert  
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Lorna Wells, Session Secretary  
Dr. Thomas E. Young, Senior Economist/  
Forecaster

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

#### **1 . 5:00 - 5:05 p.m. Welcome/Call to Order**

Senate Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

#### **2 . 5:05 - 5:10 p.m. Analyst overview of the Subcommittee**

Dr. Thomas Young, Senior Economist gave an overview of the base budget.

[Linked Retirement and Independent Entities Base Budget Bill \(HB0005\)](#)

Chair Harper asked some clarifying questions about the Firefighters Retirement Trust and Agency Fund. Dr. Young answered these questions.

Dr. Young discussed possible reallocation of some non-lapsing balances.

Rep. Hall asked Dr. Young to explain what tasks the committee is expected to accomplish and a brief timeline. Dr. Young responded.

Dr. Young mentioned that the committee needs to either approve or disapprove of fees, any non-lapsing intent language, any adjustments to FTEs, or any budget changes that the committee would like to make.

#### **3 . 5:10 - 5:30 p.m. Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) overview and discussion of short-term/long-term priorities**

Mr. Ray Timothy, Executive Director, Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) gave an overview of the agency. He was assisted by Lisa Kuhn, Chief Financial Officer.

[UETN Overview](#)

[UETN Annual Content and Service Report \(2019\)](#)

Mr. Timothy explained the handout entitled "Welcome to UETN".

Rep. Hall asked some questions about the Wi-Fi connection in schools. Mr. Timothy answered his questions.

Rep. Robertson asked who owns the network, who installs, and who operates the network. Mr. Timothy responded to each question.

Rep. Duckworth complimented UEN for the improvement in providing the data to schools and patients who need it. Mr. Timothy stated that the demand has increased more than ten-fold.

Mr. Timothy discussed the non-lapsing funding reserves which were a result of the transfer from UDA to DWS.

Mr. Timothy discussed the FY 2020 Funding Request Priorities.

Chair Harper asked about the seven-year replacement cycle. Mr. Timothy explained that for several years this equipment has been categorized as one-time funding.

Rep. Robertson asked about annual cost estimate if this were categorized as ongoing. Ms. Kuhn responded to this question.

Rep. Duckworth commented on the seven-year replacement issue.

Chair Harper asked staff to look at the funding that would be required to move this from one-time to ongoing and bring a recommendation back to the committee.

Rep. Robertson asked who owns the equipment and who would pay for the upgrades as well as privatization. Ms. Kuhn and Mr. Timothy answered his questions.

Mr. Timothy discussed the backbone upgrade funding request and the Utah Futures funding.

Ms. Laura Hunter, Chair, Utah Futures Steering Committee discussed the ongoing funding request for Utah Futures.

#### **4 . 5:30 - 5:40 p.m. Utah Department of Human Resources (DHRM) overview and discussion of short-term/long-term priorities**

Mr. Paul Garver, Executive Director, DHRM gave a presentation.

[DHRM Presentation \(2019\)](#)

#### **5 . 5:40 - 5:50 p.m. Career Service Review Office (CSRO) overview and discussion of short-term/long-term priorities**

Ms. Akiko Kawamura, CSRO Administrator gave an overview regarding the CSRO.

Rep. Hall asked when Ms. Kawamura when she would be able to preside over hearings and not be conflicted out. Ms. Kawamura responded.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to adjourn.

Senate Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.